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A LIST OF THE CLERGY

BELONGING TO THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE DIOCESE OF ILLINOIS.

The Right Rev. PHILANDER CHASE, D. D. Bishop.
Rev. John Batchelder, Rector of Trinity Church, Jacksonville.
Rev. Joseph L. Darrow, Missionary in St. Clair and Madison Counties.
Rev. James De Pui, Appointed Missionary at Rushville.
Rev. Ezekiel G. Gear, Appointed Missionary at Galena.
Rev. Isaac W. Hallam, Rector of St. James' Church, Chicago.
Rev. James C. Richmond, Residing in Connecticut.
Rev. Henry Tullidge, Residing in Michigan.
Rev. Samuel Chase, Officiating at Springfield.

A LIST OF THE CLERGY AND LAY DELEGATES WHO ATTENDED THE CONVENTION OF 1836.

The Right Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D. Missionary Bishop, exercising by request of Bishop Chase Episcopal jurisdiction in Illinois.
The Rev. John Batchelder, Rector of Trinity Church, Jacksonville.
The Rev. Joseph L. Darrow, Missionary in St. Clair and Madison Counties.
The Rev. Isaac Hallam, Rector of St. James' Church, Chicago.
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LAY DELEGATES.

Dr. B. Gillette, From Trinity Church, Jacksonville.
Judge Worthington, Luke Sealy, } From Christ Church, Rushville.
Samuel H. Treat, Emmerson C. Ross, } From St. Paul's Church, Springfield.

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JACKSONVILLE, Monday Morning, May 16, 1836.

THE CONVENTION OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE DIOCESE OF ILLINOIS assembled this, the 16th day of May, 1836.—Morning service was duly celebrated by THE RIGHT REV. BISHOP KEMPER, but in the absence of the Rev. Isaac Hallam, who had been appointed to preach ;—the sermon was dispensed with.

THE RIGHT REV. BISHOP KEMPER Presiding.—The following Clergymen appeared and took their seats :

The Rev. JOHN BATCHELDER, Rector of Trinity Church, Jacksonville.

The Rev. SAMUEL CHASE, Officiating at Springfield.

On motion, the Rev. Samuel Chase was appointed Secretary *pro. tem.*

The following Lay Delegates presented certificates of their election, duly authenticated, and took their seats accordingly:

Dr. B. Gillette, from Trinity Church, Jacksonville.

Edward Worthington, Luke Sealy, } from Christ's Church, Rushville.

Samuel H. Treat, from St. Paul's Church, Springfield.

On motion, *Resolved,* That the rules of order adopted at the previous Convention be observed as the rules of this Convention.

On motion, *Resolved,* That this Convention, in accordance with the seventh article of the Constitution, proceed to the election of Secretary.

The Rev. Samuel Chase was elected.

On motion, *Resolved,* That a committee be appointed to enquire what amendments, if any, to the Constitution, are necessary, and to report at 3 o'clock, this evening.

The Rev. Messrs. Batchelder and Chase, and Judge Worthington were appointed.

On motion, *Resolved,* That this Convention proceed to the election of a Standing Committee.

The Rev. Messrs. Batchelder and De Pui, of the Clergy, and Dr. B. Gillette and Dennis Rockwell, of the Laity, were elected.

On motion, *Resolved,* That Mr. Strong, of Fairfield, Adams

County, a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church, present, be invited to a nominal seat in this Convention.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the ensuing Convention of this Diocese be held at Springfield, on the third Monday in May, 1837.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 3 o'clock, this evening.

Evening, 3 o'clock.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. The Rev. Joseph L. Darrow appeared and took his seat in Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Batchelder, from the committee on the Constitution, reported the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the third article of the Constitution be amended by the following addition :—"By a circular addressed to the Rector of each organized Parish in the Diocese, or in case there be no Rector, to the Wardens."

Resolved, That Article sixth be amended by striking out the words "President of the preceding Convention," and insert "Bishop, or in case there be no Bishop, the Standing Committee."

On motion, *Resolved*, That the report be received ; and on a division of the question, each of the preceding resolutions were severally approved as proposed amendments, and if ratified by the ensuing Convention, will become a part of the Constitution.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the following be adopted as an additional canon :

It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Convention to keep regular minutes of the proceedings of the Convention—to preserve all papers and other documents relating to the same, and to pass them to the hands of his successor —and to perform any other duties legally assigned him.—And if the secretary remove from the Diocese prior to the election of his successor, he shall pass all papers in his hands to the Standing Committee.

On motion, *Resolved*, That in accordance with the 8th canon of the General Convention of 1835, the convention cause to be paid to the secretary the requisite sums for defraying the expenses of the General Convention—to be forwarded by him to the secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Delegates.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the third canon be amended so as to read as follows :

It shall be the duty of every minister to keep a register of all baptised persons in his care, of families, of baptisms, of confirmations, of communicants, and of funerals, with names and dates, which he shall submit to the inspection of the Bishop at each visitation. He shall leave this parochial register for the use of his successor.

Resolved, That when this Convention adjourn, it adjourn to meet to-morrow at 8 o'clock. Adjourned.

In the recess of the Convention, evening prayers were read by the secretary ; and the Rev. Mr. Hallam not having arrived, the sermon was preached by the Bishop, and the communion administered.

Tuesday 17th, 8 o'clock.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened by prayers, by the Bishop.

THE BISHOP then delivered the following address:

Brethren :

It is well known to you that the appointment which was unanimously made at your primary convention of the Right Rev. Philander Chase, D. D. a Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal church in the United States of America, to the Episcopate of Illinois, was accepted by that venerable man, and that the delegates from this Diocese, with the Bishop at their head, were joyfully welcomed as members of the last General Convention.

Aware of his responsibility and duty, and having learned from long experience, how difficult it is to obtain clergymen from the East, where to this day the demand has never been fully supplied, Bishop Chase once more directed his attention to those benevolent men in England who being blessed with means, delight in aiding such institutions as are devoted to the honor of Christ and the good of immortal souls. He did not even return to bid farewell to his family ; but after an affectionate appeal to our own countrymen had been published by one of his Presbyters, in which the wants of Illinois, and the necessity of a theological school were fully stated, he hastened from New York to Great Britain on his own responsibility, and in accordance with the expressed wishes of his personal friends in that country, and has there, as we all rejoice to know, received the encouragement and support which a noble and disinterested mission so richly deserved. This venerable man will soon return to his beloved Diocese to abound, as he has done, during a long life, in labors. Be ready, Brethren, I beseech you, not merely to rejoice at his arrival, but to co-operate with him in all his plans of usefulness. It is now that the Church of God expects from each member of our communion in this state, untiring efforts and faithfulness.

On the 26th of last September, I promised your Bishop to take upon myself the superintendence of this Diocese, during his absence ; and on the following day he sent me the letter I now hold in my hand ; in which he records his wishes, touching

this interesting matter—and assures me of his grateful acknowledgements for whatever clerical and episcopal exercises I may be able to render you. I hoped before this to have resigned my stewardship into his hands. As this privilege has not been granted me, it becomes my duty as his representative, and in compliance with the canons of the General Convention, to state to you, as far as my knowledge extends, the situation of the Diocese.

I had not been a day in St. Louis, where I arrived on the 19th December, when I received an earnest and affectionate letter from the Rev. John Batchelder, in behalf of himself and Vestry, to visit Jacksonville, and consecrate the first Episcopal Church that had been erected in Illinois, accompanied by the Rev. Samuel R. Johnson, who was the whole winter my companion and fellow laborer, and the Rev. Joseph L. Darrow, a deacon from New York, who had lately moved into Madison County. I left Missouri on the 31st of December, and remained about four weeks in this State. We did what we could and officiated whenever we had an opportunity; but owing to the state of the roads, and the severity of the weather, we by no means went as far or accomplished as much as we wished. In this place we frequently celebrated divine service. On Saturday, the 9th of January, in the presence of a large audience, I consecrated the building in which we are now assembled, to the worship and service of Almighty God, by the name of Trinity Church; and on the following morning the Rev. John Batchelder was instituted Rector thereof. During these solemn exercises I confirmed four persons. This small but zealous parish has been enabled through divine blessing to accomplish a work which is a monument of its perseverance and taste. While I make mention of the faith and untiring efforts of this people, I record with gratitude the deep and substantial interest manifested in their success by our eastern friends; they would be amply compensated could they see what we now behold. We spent a few days at Springfield, and on Thursday, the 7th of January, officiated there to a small congregation. Here I baptized the infant of the Rev. Samuel Chase.

At Beardstown we preached several times in a small room. In this town our prospects are by no means as encouraging as they were a year ago. At Rushville it is different, for there, though without a Clergyman, public worship is regularly performed on the Lord's day by a lay reader. This judicious measure has not only kept the little flock together, but has enabled them to persevere in the erection of a church—the consecration

of which, I trust, will be one of the first acts of Bishop Chase, on his return. At this growing town we officiated six times, and on Sunday, the 17th of January, the Lord's Supper was administered to sixteen persons, twelve of whom are members of the congregation; and in the afternoon of the same day I baptized a child. I am happy to inform you that the Rev. James De Pui, late Rector of St. Luke's Church, Pottsville, Pennsylvania, has been appointed a Missionary to Illinois, by the Domestic Committee of the Board of Missions, and is now, it is believed, on his way with his family to Rushville and Beardstown. Mr. De Pui has been mentioned to me by those who know him well in the most gratifying terms, and I rejoice at the thought that such a laborer is coming into this beautiful and extensive vineyard.

On the 11th of March, I started in the steam boat Olive Branch, and arrived on the 23d of that month at Quincy, where I officiated twice in the congregational meeting meeting-house. This is a thriving town, and will, I think, soon become an important one. Here there are a few Episcopalians, and others to be found in the same county. Efforts, I was assured, would be made during this summer to obtain a clergyman. During the last five months Alton has been visited occasionally, not only by myself, but by my Rev. Brethren, Messrs. Johnson and Darrow. It is a very important station, and ought to be supplied without delay. It contains many individuals who are warmly attached to our communion, and who are very anxious to secure the services of a clergyman, and to be instrumental in the erection of a church. Upon one occasion I baptized in this town three children.

Anxious that at this early period efforts should be made to organize congregations in the country, as well as in towns, and having ascertained that the Rev. Mr. Darrow was favorably situated for making an experiment of a short nature, I applied to the Domestic Committee of the Board of Missions, who with their accustomed alacrity and zeal, immediately appointed him a Missionary for Madison and St. Clair Counties. He cheerfully undertook the duties assigned him. He has been faithful, and already enjoys gratifying prospects of success. On Tuesday, the 10th instant, I left St. Louis in company with the Rev. Mr. Minard, on a visit to three of his stations in Madison County. On that day, after travelling about fourteen miles, I preached to a small congregation in a private house at Ridge Prairie, which is two miles from Troy. And at 5 o'clock the same evening, after having rode nine miles further, I preached in a school house at Marine; confirmed two persons and administered the

holy communion. The next day I preached at Collinsville, which is five miles from Ridge Prairie and ten from St. Louis. On all occasions public worship was celebrated by Mr. Minard; and the Missionary, with several of his hearers, accompanied us from place to place, and united in the solemn service of the sanctuary.

With much sorrow I state to you, that the Rev. Palmer Dyer was transferred, at his own request, to the Diocese of New York. The Report which that clergyman made to your primary Convention, of his Missionary labors at Peoria and the country adjacent thereto, was of a most encouraging nature, and must cause each one of us to regret most deeply his departure. The Rev. James C. Richmond, yet I believe belongs to you, although he is now and has been for more than half a year Rector of a Church in Connecticut. The efforts of this brother, as well as those of Mr. Dyer, were great and successful in the cause of this Diocese. Why were these efforts continued so short a time? Why excite hopes which, perhaps, are now perishing? I realize the value of these laborers, and indirectly, tho' in vain, have I asked them to return. That they are anxiously solicitous for the welfare of the church in Illinois, I am very confident.

The Rev. Henry Tullidge resigned, I am informed, some months since, the Church at Galena, and has been officiating during the winter at Detroit. As he has not expressed a desire to change his canonical residence, the hope is cherished that he will soon unite himself with those few who intend to rally around your venerable Bishop, and with him endure hardships as good soldiers in the best of causes. Great expectation, I believe, may be entertained relative to the permanent establishment of our Church at the important and flourishing town of Galena. It was visited during the winter by a clergyman, the Rev. Mr. Stroud, from Canada, who in the kindest manner drew my attention to this very interesting spot. I have likewise met with two members of the congregation, who are men of piety and zeal, and who will, I am assured, according to the ability wherewith God hath blessed, contribute generously towards the erection of a handsome house of public worship. The Rev. Ezekiel G. Gear, late Rector of St. John's church, Ithica, N. Y., is now, I trust, with his family, on his journey to this important station. Mr. Gear has been long known in the Diocese from which he comes as a devoted and excellent clergyman.—I have received information that there are Episcopalians in the counties of Rock Island, Pike and Wabash, from the last of

which I have an earnest request that they may be visited. In fact, I believe that members of our church will soon be found in every section of the State; even now you want not five but fifty Missionaries. How importunate should we be in our supplications to the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into this beautiful field? If every individual among you who feels interested in the welfare of our Zion, would take an early opportunity to open a correspondence with the Bishop, he would thereby soon become acquainted with the wants and prospects of his Diocese, and be enabled at once to direct his attention to the most important stations. Our friends on the eastern side of the Allegany, are deeply interested in your success and will, I am confident, continue to view your infant Church with the kindest feelings. The New York Church Building Society for the West, has appointed Dr. B. Gillette, and Messrs. Rockwell and Miller, of Jacksonville, their loaning committee for this State, and is now ready, through those gentlemen, to aid feeble parishes in the erection of houses of public worship. In many cases I believe the assistance proffered by this excellent association may be of essential benefit.

That your Father in the Lord, my venerable Brother, may soon be among you in health, and that his labors may be eminently blessed—that the church of our love and choice may be fully known and permanently established in the West—and that the riches of the grace that is in Christ Jesus, may be possessed by each one of you, shall be the objects of the present prayer of the MISSIONARY BISHOP.

The Bishop then presented the reports of the Clergy.

Rev. John Batchelder, *Rector of Christ's Church, Jacksonville*, reports

To the Right Rev. Bishop Kemper, D. D.

In submitting my periodical report, I deem it proper to observe that no small part of my time for the last year has been spent in labors and efforts, that were merely preparatory to the permanent establishment of the Church here, and the regular administration of the ordinances of the Gospel according to the usages of the Church. During five months of the past year, I have been absent from my charge on business connected with the interest of the Church in this place. This I deemed my

duty, because without a place of worship, it appeared useless to attempt the accomplishment of permanent good. The church which has been completed at an expense of five thousand dollars, is in debt to the amount of eleven hundred. It is proper, however, to observe that measures have been adopted for the liquidation of this debt, which, it is believed will at no distant period result in the accomplishment of the desired object; the Organ has been purchased and paid for by the Ladies, who are attached to the Church. Their number is small, but within a period of two years they have succeeded, by the labor of their needles and their persevering industry, in raising the sum of $500. I mention this not simply for the purpose of commending their laudable exertions, but as an example of what may be accomplished for the advancement of our common cause by the ladies connected with our feeble churches, without any great sacrifice, either of time or ease; and by means that at first view appear insignificant. Since the completion of the Church, the number of regular attendants on public worship has much increased, and I cannot but indulge the hope, that there is an increase of interest in the cause of religion. I have preached regularly twice on Sundays; and during the past winter have had a bible class exercise once each week, designed particularly for the teachers in the Sunday School. For a considerable time I have likewise had the superintendence of the Sunday School. There has been but one baptism during the past year; confirmed four; burials three; marriages two; number of communicants eleven; Sunday school scholars twenty four, teachers six. Although it thus appears that there is nothing of special interest to report, still it should be observed, that the prospects of the Church are far more encouraging than they have been at any time previous. With the blessing of God upon the ministrations of his word and ordinances, we may indulge the belief, that this house which we have consecrated to his service, will become to many immortal souls a door of entrance to the temple not made with hands, which is eternal and on high.

J. BATCHELDER,

Rector of Trinity Church, Jacksonville.

Rev. Samuel Chase, *Officiating at Springfield*, reports to The Presiding Bishop—

That he accompanied Bishop Chase in his first visitation through this Diocese, and preached at Chicago, Juliet, Rushville, Peoria, Jacksonville and Springfield. Since June last, I have resided at Springfield, Sangamon County. Here, under the auspices of Bishop Chase, a parish was organized, and through the courtesy of "the Christian Brethren," in proffering the use of their house of worship, Episcopal services have been duly celebrated the first and third Sunday in each month. Occasional services have also been held in the Presbyterian and Methodist houses of worship. The services of the church are in general well attended, and as they become more extensively known, they excite greater interest. The incipient measures for the erection of a Church, which will cost some four thousand dollars, have been taken. Communicants 13—confirmations 2—baptisms 3—mariages 3.

Rev. Joseph L. Darrow, *Missionary in Madison and St. Clair Counties*, reports to Rt. Rev. Bishop Kemper :

I arrived in Illinois on the 10th of August last ; after which I preached one Lord's day in Rushville, one in Carrollton, two at Lower Alton, three at Marine Settlement and three at Collinsville, Madison County. I preached also once on a week day at Quincy, and a Christmas sermon at Lower Alton. Having been appointed, on the first of January, a Missionary by the Domestic Committee, for the Counties of Madison and St. Clair, my labors have been as follows :—I have preached one Sunday in Lower Alton, was absent two Sundays at Jacksonville to attend the institution of Rev. J. Batchelder and the consecration of the Church. On my return, I spent the Lord's day with Rev. Mr. Minard, at St. Louis, and assisted him in the performance of divine service. The remainder of the time has been divided between Marine Settlement, now the town of Marine, Ridge Prairie, Rock Spring and Collinsville---the two first receiving the most of my time. The prospects of Marine are at present more encouraging than either of the others. A Church has not yet been organized, but I hope will be soon. The number of communicants will be small at first, perhaps five or six. The attendance on public worship has been good, and the number regularly increasing. I have baptised three children—celebrated one marriage—two persons were confirmed at the recent visit of Bishop

Kemper, on the 10th inst., and the Lord's Supper was at the same time administered. I was induced to visit Ridge Prairie from its destitution of Religious services of any kind. The Church was at first almost entirely unknown, but by the attendance of some from Collinsville, and one or two gentlemen from Marine, the services have been regularly performed, and now several persons of the place regularly take part in the performance of divine service. The congregations have generally been such as to afford an encouragement. All persons expressed great gratification at the recent visit of Bishop Kemper. In Collinsville the services have been well attended, but from the difficulties of obtaining a house, I have preached there but irregularly. I am expecting soon to visit Edwardsville and Belleville, and hope that something may yet be done in each of these places for the encouragement of our beloved Zion.

JOSEPH L. DARROW,
Missionary in the Counties of Madison and St. Clair.

Rev. Isaac Hallam, *Rector of St. James' Church, Chicago*—(Having arrived after the adjournment of the Convention, presented his report to the Bishop, which was passed to the hands of the Secretary with instructions to insert it in the minutes)—reports to The Right Rev. Bishop Kemper:

I arrived in Chicago October 12, 1834. A Parish was since organized, under the name of St. James' —a small congregation was gathered, and twelve communicants formed into a Church: both have since gradually increased. A Church 64 by 44 was commenced in July last—the want of materials prevented its completion. The Ladies' Sewing Society held a fair in June, the proceeds of which, $1232, have been appropriated to the purchase of an organ. The number of communicants 20—marriages 6—Sunday School scholars 30—baptisms 7. From the unsettled state of the parish, it is not possible to give an accurate report of the number of the families. I have officiated three Sundays in the town of Juliet, where a parish was organized by the Right Rev. P. Chase, during his visitation to this diocese; also at Peoria on my way to the Convention.

ISAAC HALLAM,
Rector of St. James' Church, Chicago.

No reports were received from Rev. Messrs. Henry Tulidge and James C. Richmond.

On motion,

Resolved, That this Convention proceed to the election of delegates for the ensuing General Convention,—Whereupon were elected, of the Clergy, Rev. Messrs. John Batcheler, Samuel Chase, Joseph L. Darrow and James De Pui,—and of the Laity, Mr. John S. Worthington, Dr. Thomas Houghan, John H. Kinzie and Dr. B Gillette.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to copy into a suitable book the Journal of the primary Convention of this Diocese; to cause two hundred copies of the Journal of the present Convention to be printed, and that the following Parishes—Jacksonville, Rushville, Galena, Peoria, Chicago and Springfield, pay to him each $5 00, for defraying the expenses of the same. And that the Secretary transmit ten copies of the present journal to each of the organized Parishes of the Diocese—one copy to each of the Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and the editors of the several Periodicals of the Church, and that ten copies be kept by the Secretary subject to the order of the Convention.

E. C. Ross, a delegate from St. Paul's Church, Springfield, appeared—presented a duly authenticated certificate of his election, and took his seat in Convention.

The following Resolution was then passed; the Bishop having by request of the mover left the Chair:

Resolved, unanimously, that this Convention with gratitude render their most unfeigned thanks to the Right Rev. Bishop Kemper, for his labors in this Diocese during the past winter, and on the present occasion, and their best wishes for his health and prosperity in the cause of our Redeemer, and his final happiness.

On motion,

Judge Worthington obtained leave of absence during the remainder of the session.

On motion,

Adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Evening, 4 o'clock.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion,

Resolved, That it be recommended to the members of the Conventions hereafter to be held in this Diocese, that they meet annually on the Saturday preceeding the opening of the Convention, that they may have the privilege of attending public worship and partaking of the Lord's Supper the Sunday following, and thus be prepared to enter upon the business of the Convention on the succeeding Monday.

On motion,

Resolved, That this Convention recommend to the observance the Clergy of this Diocese the construction of the rubricks as expressed by the opinions of the General Convention, in reference to uniformity of practice in the mode of repeating the confessions, the creeds and the Lord's Prayer in the Liturgy, and also in reference to ~~future closing~~ the communion service.

On motion, posture during

Resolved, That this Convention, in accordance with the sentiments expressed by THE RIGHT REV. BISHOP KEMPER, regard with much solicitude the exertions of Bishop CHASE, for the establishment of a Theological Seminary in this Diocese; and that while we deem it the proper source whence a competent number of laborers may be obtained for this extensive portion of the Lord's Vineyard, we will raise our united supplications, that Almighty God may graciously restore our beloved Bishop to his Diocese, blessed with the additional means for the promotion of science and the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom; and while we appreciate the sacrifices which he makes of substance and health, pray that peace and joy in the Holy Ghost may be his portion in this life, and final acceptance in the life to come.

The Convention then united in singing a part of the 25th Hymn, and after some appropriate collects by the Bishop, adjourned.

JACKSON KEMPER, *Bishop*.

SAMUEL CHASE, *Secretary*.

Abstract of Parochial Reports.

Places.	Clergymen.	Churches.	Baptisms.	Confirmations	communicants	Marriages.
Jacksonville,	John Batchelder,	Trinity,	1	4	11	2
Peoria,		St. Jude,				
Rushville,	James De Pui, *(app. miss.)*	Christ,				
Beardstown,		Grace,				
Chicago,	Isaac Hallam,	St. James,	7		20	6
Galena,	John Gear, *(app. miss.)*					
Juliet,						
Springfield,	S. Chase, *(officiating.)*		3	2	12	3
Alton,						

A single copy of the Journal is forwarded by mail to each organized Parish in the Diocese :—the remaining number of copies to which they are entitled, are put up in packets, and subject to their order.--- They will be forwarded by the Secretary if any opportunity of private conveyance presents itself.

SAMUEL CHASE, Sec'y.